Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OF

COLUMBIA

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
COLUMBIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1959

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Officers

Moderator

MILTON ADAIR

Town Clerk

HARRY LANG

Selectmen

HAZEN GOODRUM CLYDE SHALLOW
CHARLES WHITE

Tax Collector

JAMES MERCER, SR.

Supervisors

ELLERY ADAIR ERNEST PILBRO
GLADYS PILBRO

Trustees of Town Library

THELMA COVELL HARRIETTE LANG
EDWIN FRIZZELL

Librarian

MYRTLE PARKER

Auditor

THELMA COVELL

Trustees of Trust Funds

EUGENE JORDAN GLADYS PILBRO

Town Treasurer

HARRY LANG

Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Columbia, in the County of Coos, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To vote and bring in ballots for the election of Town Officers to be elected by ballot for the Town of Columbia for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will instruct its Selectmen to appoint all other Town Officers as required by law.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for Old Age, Blind and Disability Assistance for the year ensuing.

5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the repairs of highways and bridges.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Selectmen to take such action regarding plowing or otherwise keeping winter roads open in said Town for the year ensuing, as in their judgment seems most conductive to the best interests of the Town, and appropriate money for the same.

7. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Construction of Class V roads and raise and appropriate or set aside for said purpose the sum of $483.73, the State to contribute the sum of $3,224.90.

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply any surplus remaining in their hands at the end of the fiscal year 1959 to the defrayng of Town charges for the fiscal year 1960 in order to effect a proportionate reduction of the amount to be raised by taxes.

9. To see what sum or sums the Town will vote to fix as the price per day for hiring manual labor, equipment and trucks for work on Town roads.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $49.32 (being 1-100th of 1% of the assessed valuation) for the purpose of uniting with the 45 other towns in the White Mountains Region Association in publicizing and otherwise promoting the natural and commercial factors upon which the economy of the North Country is based.

11. To see what action the Town will take with reference to hiring the Colebrook Fire Precinct for the purpose of extinguishing fires in said Town, and in the event of favorable action to make necessary appropriation for the same.

12. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the upkeep of cemeteries.

13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to incur debts for temporary loans in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, and to pay such debts out of tax money when the same is received.

14. To see if the voters of the Town of Columbia will resolve by vote that the licensing and supervisory provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 322, shall henceforth be enforced and administered by the Selectmen within the Town of Columbia in accordance with said Statute.

15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through Tax Collector's deeds.

16. To see whether the Town will vote to discontinue the public library now maintained in said Town of Columbia, in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 202, Section 5, in the event of discontinuance the library property of the Town to be loaned or disposed of by the Library Trustees, subject to the approval of the State Library Commission.

17. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the subject of Town Charges for the ensuing year.

18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of cutting and removing the bushes from the side of the highways in such places as the Selectmen think most expedient.

19. To see if the Town will vote in accordance with Chapter 59, New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, to discontinue the non-partisan ballot system adopted at the annual town meeting for the year 1956, or in the event that such ballot system so adopted was therein designated an Australian Ballot system, to discontinue the same in accordance with said Statute, and said discontinuance, if so voted, to become effective at the annual town meeting of 1961.

20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of agents, auditors, Selectmen and all other officers, and ratify and confirm the same.

21. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this Twenty-Third day of February, A. D. 1960.

HAZEN GOODRUM
CHARLES H. WHITE
CLYDE SHALLOW
Selectmen of Columbia, N. H.

A True Copy, Attest:

HAZEN GOODRUM
CHARLES H. WHITE
CLYDE SHALLOW
Selectmen of Columbia, N. H.

Budget

From State:	Actual	Estimated
Railroad Tax (not rec'd until after 1|1|60)		265.49
Reimbursement Timber Tax	868.82	698.94
Class V Roads	1,380.90	2,113.42
From Local Sources Except Property Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	18.00	18.00
Motor Vehicle Fees & Permits	1,884.84	1,884.84
Poll Taxes	380.00	380.00
Filing Fees	2.00	2.00
Total Estimated Revenue		5,362.69
Amounts to be raised by Property Tax		36,685.52
		42,048.21

Purpose of Expenditures:	Actual	Estimated
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
Town Officers Salaries	1,555.75	1,500.00
Town Officers Expense	994.83	1,000.00
Expense Town Buildings	124.47	
Civil Defense		150.00
Fire Department	594.01	1,000.00
Insurance	135.83	400.00
Vital Statistics		
General Expense of Highway		300.00
Cutting Bushes	346.25	300.00
Town Road	489.34	483.73
Summer Roads	2,581.10	3,500.00
Winter Roads	5,856.33	5,000.00
Library	114.03	100.00
Town Poor	521.34	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	367.83	800.00
Cemeteries	253.00	250.00
White Mt. Regional Assn.	50.06	49.32
Taxes Purchased by Town	2,933.49	
Interest on loan	127.78	
St. Head Taxes	874.50	
Bond Debt Retirement Bond	525.00	
New Equipment	1,700.00	
Temporary Loan	10,000.00	
County Tax	1,304.28	1,304.28

School Appropriation	20,703.51	24,910.88
Total Estimated Expenditures		42,048.21
Less Total Estimated Revenue		5,362.69
Amount to be raised by Property Tax		36,685.52

Taxes Assessed

Town Officers Salaries		1,500.00
Town Officers Expenses		1,000.00
Fire Department		1,000.00
Insurance		400.00
Town Road Class V		489.34
Civilian Defense		150.00
Summer Roads		4,000.00
Winter Roads		5,000.00
Library		100.00
General Expense Highway Dept. 300.00		
Cutting Bushes 300.00		600.00
Old Age Assistance		800.00
Town Poor		1,000.00
Cemeteries		250.00
Advertising & Region Ass'n		50.06
County Tax		1,304.28
School Tax		24,910.88
		42,554.56
Less Estimated Revenue:		
Railroad Tax	254.62	
Revenue from Yield Tax Source	3,698.94	
Dog Licenses	54.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,909.35	
Total Revenue Credits		5,916.91
		36,637.65
Plus Overlay		455.69
Amount to be raised by Taxation		37,093.34
Less Poll Taxes		378.00
Net Amount raised by Property Tax		36,715.34
Tax Rate	$6.56	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets:	
Cash in hand of Treasurer	25,027.78
Unredeemed Taxes (from Tax Sale on Account of)	
Levy of 1959	2,864.01
Levy of 1958	676.24
Levy of 1957	310.39
Previous Years	727.40
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1959	335.95
Levy of 1958	700.24
Levy of 1957	328.79
Previous Years	1,031.62
State Head Taxes Levy of 1959	235.00
State Head Taxes Previous Years	40.00
Total Assets:	32,277.42
Liabilities:	
Due School District	23,410.38
Total Liabilities	23,410.38
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	8,867.04
Net Surplus Dec. 31, 1959	8,867.04
Net Surplus Dec. 31, 1958	4,923.51
Increase in Surplus	3,943.53

INVOICE OF PROPERTY

Land & Buildings	417,523.00
Electric Plants	86,420.00
House Trailers used as Dwellings	1,500.00
Stock in Trade	6,000.00
10 Horses	1,325.00
541 Cows	45,740.00
50 Neat Stock	3,940.00
20 Sheep & Goats	200.00
7,700 Fowl	3,850.00
Gas Pump & Tanks (10)	750.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	10,937.00
Total Gross Valuation	578,185.00

Less Veterans & Blind Exemptions	18,500.00
Net Valuation on which Tax rate is computed	559,685.00 559,685x6.56-36,715.34

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land & Buildings	5,000.00
Furniture & Equipment	500.00
Library Furniture & Equipment	1,000.00
Highway Dept. Land & Buildings	2,500.00
Equipment	8,700.00
School, Land & Buildings	24,000.00
Equipment	4,000.00
	45,700.00

Selectmen's Report

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1959	19,179.09
R. Washburn & J Cross Severence Tax	113.57
Harry Lang, Auto Permits	1,884.84
Harry Lang, Dog Licenses	18.00
Filing Fees	2.00
Clyde Gray gas for Payloader	6.38
Arlene White, Tax Collector	1,953.11
James Mercer, Tax Collector	41,675.80
Colebrook National Bank Note	10,000.00
St. of N. H. Class V Roads	1,380.90
St. of N. H. Timber Tax Reimbursement	868.82
School Treasurer, Share Printing Reports	98.00
Total Receipts	77,180.51

PAYMENTS

Town Officers Salaries:

Clyde Shallow, Selectman	150.00
Clyde Shallow, Overseer	35.00
Charles H. White, Selectman	150.00

Hazen Goodrum, Selectman	150.00
Ernest Pilbro, Supervisor of Checklist	35.00
Gladys Pilbro, Supervisors of Checklist	35.00
Ellery Adair, Supervisors of Cheklist	35.00
Myrtle Parker, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Helen Lang, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Lynn Parkhurst, Police 3 years	81.25
James Mercer, Sr., Tax Collector	150.00
Thelma Covell, Clerical	75.00
Thelma Covell, Auditor	10.00
Harry Lang, Town Clerk	637.50
Total	1,555.75

Town Officers Expenses:

News & Sentinel, Printing Notices, etc.	48.25
Assessors Ass'n, Dues	3.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Office Supplies	24.07
Arlene White, Tax Toll	74.09
Thelma Covell, Reports, Tax work etc.	100.00
Essex County Herald, Town Reports	219.00
Thomas Walsh, Town Warrant	7.50
Warren Bartlett, Transfers	8.88
Town Clerk's Ass'n Dues	3.00
Edmund Owen, mail back track	57.60
N. H. Tax Ass'n Dues	3.00
Sargent Bros. - Notices	2.00
Elsie Annis - Bond	69.50
Clyde Shallow - Expenses	110.00
Hazen Goodrum - Expenses	109.13
Charles H. White, Expenses	75.00
James Mercer, Sr., Expenses of Tax Collector	80.81
	994.83

Town Buildings Expenses:

Lights, Town Buildings	45.78
Washburn, Wood	48.00
G. A. Jackson, Piling Wood	18.00
P. A. Hicks, Stove pipe for Town Hall	2.69
Kenneth Fox, mowing around Town Hall	10.00
	124.47

Fire:	
William Reynolds Barn	136.76
Alex Bissette, Tractor	51.50
Canadian car at Columbia Bridge	32.50
St. Joseph School	22.00
½ cost Lina Breen & F. Wentzell fire	147.75
Robert Cross, fire	80.00
Alex Bissette, Tractor & Barn	67.50
Town of Stratford, Chapple Fire	56.00
	594.01

SUMMER ROADS

Earl Cass, Grading	412.00
Charles H. White, Gravel	1,005.60
G. B. Currier, Cloride	425.10
Clyde Shallow	121.00
St. of N. H. Treasurer	66.00
Leonard Wheeler	96.25
J. J. Gould	88.15
Town of Colebrook, use of grader	360.00
Alfred Bunnell	7.00
	2,581.10
Towns Share, Class V Roads	489.34

WINTER ROADS

Clyde Shallow, Plowing & Sanding	865.77
Harry Lang, oil	56.00
Beaver Falls Garage, plow repairs	668.39
Clyde Gray	154.05
P. A. Hicks, parts	10.03
Treas. of N. H. plowing	192.00
Farmers Feed , Supplies	3.61
Gulf Oil	516.22
Frances Chapple, plowing	503.50
Charles J. White, gravel	91.80
Harry Boucher, plowing & sanding	42.00
Monty Goodrum, helper on plow	575.00
Edwin Frizzell, sanding	50.60
Real Bouthillier, bulldozer	133.50
Hazen Goodrum, sanding	89.38

Joe Daley, bulldozer	543.12
Clark Smith, sanding	13.50
Arnold Goodrum, sanding	44.00
Earl Cass, on plow	15.00
Lester Phillips, sanding	5.00
F. G. Marshall, gravel	120.00
Ray Placy, truck & sanding	74.00
Gerard Richards, sand	10.50
Ronald Hughes, plowing	10.00
Wilfred Rainville, bulldozer	595.00
Charles White, sand	49.31
R. Spitzner, supplies	7.00
James Mercer, Jr., plow	165.85
Alfred Bunnell, sand	7.00
Perlie Howe	37.60
Elwin Gould	9.60
Robert Crowley	5.00
Walter Klebe, oil	46.00
Bulldozer Garage, repairs	147.00
	5,856.33

Cutting Bushes:

William Cote, mowing bushes	103.75
Earl Cass, mowing bushes	198.00
Dean Cass	27.00
Richard Kenny	17.50
	346.25

Libraries:

Myrtle Parker, librarian	114.03

Old Age Assistance:

Catherine Currier	
Frances Jacques	
Ivan Nason	367.83

Town Poor:

Paul Poulin, groceries, lights, oil, etc.	92.70
Leland Ellingwood, groceries, lights, oil, etc.	180.21
Irma Bennett, groceries, lights, oil, baby case	248.43
	521.34

Insurance:	
Marshall & Kent	131.15
Farm Bureau Ins.	4.68
	135.83
Cemeteries:	
G. A. Jackson	113.00
Aurora Poulin	100.00
Leland Shallow, trees	40.00
	253.00
Adv. & Regional Assn.:	
White Mountain Region Ass'n	50.06
Taxes bought by Town	2,933.49
Interest on Temporary Loan	127.78
State Treasurer:	
Head Taxes	874.50
Bond Debt Retirement Bond	525.00
New Equipment:	
Walter Klebe, snow plow	1,700.00
Temporary Loan:	
Colebrook National Bank	10,000.00
County Tax:	
J. Arthur Sullivan	1,304.28
School District:	20,703.51
Total Expenditures	52,152.73

Tax Collector's Report

Current Year Levy of 1959

Property, Poll - Yield committed to Collector.

Property	36,715.34
Poll	380.00
Yield	3,396.02
	40,491.36
Added Property	193.06
Poll	12.00
Interest & Cost	35.01
	40,731.43

Remittance to Treasurer:

Property	36,658.98
Poll	300.00
Yield	3,153.33
	40,112.31
Interest & Cost	35.01
Abatements Poll	12.00
Property	236.16
Uncollected Property	25.26
Poll	68.00
Yield	242.69
	40,731.43

Levy of 1958

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1959

Property	2,326.87
Poll	24.00
Yield	244.80
Interest	52.70
Added Poll	12.00
	2,660.37

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property	1,649.08
Poll	18.00
Yield	232.80
Abated Poll	6.00
Abated Property	1.55
Uncollected Interest	52.70
Property	676.24
Yield	12.00
Added Poll	12.00
	2,660.37

Levy of 1957

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1959

Property	326.99
Poll	16.00
Yield	139.94
Interest	3.90
	486.83

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property	16.60
Poll	8.00
Yield	125.54
Interest	3.90
Abated Poll	4.00

Uncollected:

Property	310.39
Poll	4.00
Yield	14.40
	486.83

Levy of 1956

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1959

Property	74.64
Poll	20.00
Yield	181.94
	276.58

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property	
Poll	14.00
Yield	170.84
Abated Poll	4.00
Abated Property	15.19
Uncollected:	
Property	59.49
Poll	2.00
Yield	11.10
	276.88

Levy of Previous Years
Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1959

Property	699.93
Poll	22.00
Yield	427.50
Interest	12.22
	1,161.65

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property	47.17
Poll	10.00
Yield	131.21
Abated Poll	2.00
Interest	12.22
Uncollected:	
Property	652.76
Poll	10.00
Yield	296.29
	1,161.65

State Head Tax:

Levy of 1959 as of Dec. 31, 1959

Committed to Collector	995.00
Added Tax	35.00
Penalties	6.50
	1,036.50

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Head Taxes	770.00
Penalties	6.50
Abatements	25.00
Uncollected Head Tax	235.00
	1,036.50
State Head Tax Levy of 1958	
Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1959	125.00
Added Taxes	50.00
Penalties	13.50
	188.50
Remittances to Treasurer:	
Head Taxes	175.00
Penalties	13.50
	188.50
State Head Taxes Levy of 1957	
Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1959	45.00
Penalties	2.00
	47.00
Remittances to Treasurer:	
Head Taxes	20.00
Abatements	15.00
Penalties	2.00
Uncollected	10.00
	47.00
Levy of Previous Years	
Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1959	105.00
Penalties	6.50
	111.50
Remittances to Treasurer:	
Head Taxes	65.00
Penalties	6.50
Abatements	10.00
Uncollected	30.00
	111.50

James Mercer, Sr.
Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF SALES ACCOUNTS

Summary of Sale Accounts Dec. 31, 1959

Taxes Sold Town During Fiscal Year

	1959	1958	1957	Prev. Years
	2,933.49	2,326.87	326.99	774.57
Remittances to Treasurer	69.48	1,650.63	16.60	47.17
Unredeemed at close of year	2,864.01	676.24	310.39	727.40

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM SALES

AS OF 12|31|59

	1959	1958	1957	1956	Prev. Years
John Lafond					37.39
Armand Brochu				33.43	.
Maurice Pinard	59.60	49.05	35.95	37.48	294.68
Ernest Goodrum					19.03
Frances Chapple					59.50
Karl Edwards	416.47				227.15
Howard Gadwah	21.88	21.87	16.65	3.73	.
Wilfred Dupuis					15.01
Hibbard & Rainville	25.16	21.87		.	
L. Grandmaison			237.15		
L. Brochu			20.64		
Azel Harding	94.78				
Robert Cross	15.32				
Richards & Dion	628.67				

Edwin Frizzell				
492.56	462.79			
Columbia Poultry Farm				
615.56				
A. G. Kelsea & Brochu				
	39.99			
A. G. Kelsea				
130.90	80.67			
Dennis Caouette				
4.61				
Raymond Flanders				
8.76				
Jean Vachon				
100.60				
Bernard Goodrum				
67.80				
Coleman Schoff				
14.14				
Clarence Goodrum				
10.18				
Evangeline Sweatt				
14.75				
Keith Burrill				
9.20				
Nelson Bunnell				
133.07				
2,864.01	676.24	315.39	74.64	652.76

Town Clerk's Report

During the year I have recorded 10 births, 3 deaths, and 2 marriage licenses.

Licenses have been paid me on dogs amounting to: 20.00

Less Fees Due Clerk 2.00

This sum I have paid to Treasurer 18.00

I have issued licenses on automobiles amounting to:

13 permits for 1958 6.78

258 permits for 1959 1,878.06

1,884.84

These sums I have paid to the Treasurer.

HARRY LANG Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1959	19,179.09
Received from all sources	58,001.42
Total receipts to date	77,180.51
Less Selectmen's orders	52,152.73
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1960	25,027.78

HARRY LANG
Treasurer

Trust Funds

Mary A. Walker March 4, 1946	
Balance January 1, 1959	472.91
Income During Year	14.34
Expended During Year	13.00
Balance December 31, 1959	474.25
Farmers & Traders National Bank	
Care In East Columbia Cemetery	
Mrs. Warrren Marshall August 29, 1935	
Balance January 1, 1959	78.03
Income During Year	2.37
Expended During Year	3.00
Balance December 31, 1959	77.40
Farmers & Traders National Bank	
Care In East Columbia Cemetery	
Ellen Cleveland March 27, 1933	
Balance January 1, 1959	120.60
Income During Year	3.67
Expended During Year	6.00
Balance December 31, 1959	118.27
Farmers & Traders National Bank	
Care In East Columbia Cemetery	
Henry Forrestall Est. September 3, 1946	
Balance January 1, 1959	223.21

Income During Year	7.38
Expended During Year	6.00
Balance December 31, 1959	224.59

Colebrook Guaranty Savings Bank
Care In East Columbia Cemetery

EUGENE JORDAN
GLADYS PILBRO
Trustees

No. 13900 Town of Columbia Selectmen Dept. by surviving members of E. Columbia Mite Society for care and improvement of East Columbia Cemetery.

Balance January 1, 1959	158.07
Income During Year	5.17
Balance December 31, 1959	163.24

No. 17190 Town of Columbia Board of Selectmen Estate of Thomas W. Wallace.

Balance January 1, 1958	1,000.00
Income earned '58 and '59	63.95
Balance December 31, 1959	1,063.95

Library Report

Cash on hand January 1, 1959	57.59
Paid for Books	47.23
Cash on hand December 31, 1959	10.36

20 Books Purchased

EDWIN FRIZZELL
HARRIETTE LANG
THELMA COVELL
Trustees

AUDITORS' REPORT

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector and Selectmen of the Town of Columbia and to the best of my ability, find them to be correctly computed and accounted for.

THELMA G. COVELL Auditor

SCHOOL REPORT

March 1, 1960

Officers

Moderator

HARRY F. LANG

Clerk

ANNIE S. FRIZZELL

Treasurer

ANNIE S. FRIZZELL

Auditors

HAZEL L. GOODRUM ARTHUR M. GOULD

School Board

ERWIN L. PARKHURST	TERM EXPIRES 1960
EDWIN C. FRIZZELL, CHM.	TERM EXPIRES 1961
THELMA G. COVELL	TERM EXPIRES 1962

Superintendent of Schools

ERNEST B. DANA

Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Columbia qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 7th day of March, 1960, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agents of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors. and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with such other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the district will vote to transfer such balance of district funds as may be on hand June 30, 1960, to a capital reserve building fund.

10. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate to transport high school pupils.

11. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to make application for and to accept, on behalf of the district, any or all grants or offers for educational purposes which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the State of New Hampshire and or United States.

12. To transact any other business that may legally

come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Columbia this 2nd day of February, 1960.

EDWIN C. FRIZZELL, CHM.
ERWIN L. PARKHURST
THELMA G. COVELL

School Board

Superintendent's Report

To the School Board and Citizens of the Columbia School District:

Foreword

In all probability, the past year has witnessed more being attempted by our schools than has ever been done before during a like period, to more nearly measure up to what has been so voluminously said and written about what they should be doing. Yesterday's concern about the overlooked upper quarter, who and how many are doing what in what way in Mathematics, Science and Foreign Languages, and where and how do we get there in Guidance, is today being rapidly converted from the expressed to the action stage. This transition is taking place at all levels, national, state, and local with the last one presenting the initial performance in many instances. Here in our own state, ways of challenging marked ability, the use of the more effective conversational approach in the teaching of Foreign Languages enhanced by the use of electronic devices, daily broadcasts of educational television programs in a number of subject areas, for both elementary and high school, and much stepped-up guidance programs are already being capitalized upon in a rapidly increasing number of schools. Matching funds made available through the National Defense Act for the purchase of materials and equipment in certain subject areas at all grade levels have contributed not a little in stimulating the action which has taken and is taking place.

It is significant that with the adoption and putting into practice of these new ways of presenting subject matter, and the utilization of the additional assistance that only a greater understanding of the scientific potential about us provides, our basic philosophy still remains the same. Although quality is receiving more attention, quantity has not been neglected. The recognition of the need to educate everyone up to the level of his ability is still compatible with the demand for the best at all levels in education. For, in so far as has yet been determined, ability is not the sole ingredient in superior performance. The indications are that motivation and character must also be present in this product if anything of lasting value is to result.

Teachers

The district is extremely fortunate, with the teacher supply continuing to be short, to have veteran teachers in all positions. Mrs. Isabella D. Spofford, who received her training at Bridgewater State Teachers College, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and who has taught several years in that state as well as in New Hampshire, teaches Grades 1-4 at the Cone School. Mrs. Florence B. Hughes teaches Grades 1-4 at the Church School, and Mrs. Myra A. Holbrook teaches Grades 5-8 at the Grand Division School.

School Nurse - Health

As has been pointed out many times previously, the health services rendered year after year by Mrs. Ethel S. Sturgis, school nurse, to help pupils more effectively maintain that state of good health essential to a happy and successful overall school life, bespeaks the magnitude and importance of the work done. Clinics, immunizations, physical examinations, frequent check-ups on height, weight, hearing, and eyesight, and continuous supervision of the general health are included in the comprehensive program conducted.

As much as these services contribute to what is accomplished healthwise in our schools, however, one of the vital importance - dental care - urgently needs to be included. A dental clinic would provide an extremely valuable addition.

Repairs - Maintenance - Equipment

Outside of miscellaneous repairs most work alone on the school buildings during the past summer has been of maintenance in nature. The classroom in each building was painted with bright pastel colors of different shades of blue trimmed with white which produces an attractive effect. Additional painting included entry-way between classroom and woodshed at Grand Division School, and the toilets at the same building. The purchase of new tubular steel chairs and all wood desk units, both in natural finish, to replace the old ones which had been in use for so many years, has meant much to both the teachers and the pupils. With the addition of these attractive movable units the overall appearance of the classroom is greatly improved, and opportunity is provided for greater flexibility in the conducting of the regular school work as well as for the different programs presented from time to time throughout the year.

ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

The enrollment continues to be about the same as it has been for the last five years, as there are 59 enrolled at the present time as compared to 58, 54, 54, and 49 for the respective preceding four years. The average percentage of attendance for the three schools for the past year was 94.87 and the average number of tardinesses per pupil was .05.

The number of pupils enrolled in schools outside the district, likewise, has changed very little during the same five year period, as there are 20 high and 30 elementary in comparison to 20, 21, 25, and 23 at the high school level and 36, 25, 26, and 23 at the elementary school level for the respective four preceding years.

NOTES ON THE BUDGET

The School Board's budget for 1960-61 is $38,317.00 in comparison to $36,884.00 for the current year. This amount is decreased by an estimated income of $11,000.00 which leaves a balance of $27,317.00 to be raised by taxes by the town. Provision for increases in salaries and transportation costs, for the most part, explain the increase in the budget.

As will be noted in the warrant, the amount asked for by the district for the support of schools may be more than that of the above budget dependent upon what action is taken under the article included by request which has to do with the provision of high school transportation.

CONCLUSION

May I again express my thanks to the members of the School Board, parents, teachers, and citizens for all the help and cooperation received as we have worked together in an effort to provide good schools. It is only with the assistance of you all that high standards can be achieved and maintained.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest B. Dana

Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts 1958-59

State Aid	11,258.34
Current Appropriation	19,203.51
School Tuition	200.00
Other Sources	33.18
Total Net Receipts from all sources:	30,695.03
Cash on hand at beginning of year July 1, 1958	3,839.15
Grand Total Net Receipts:	34,534.18

Payments

	Budget 1958-59	Total Spent	Balance June 30
Salaries of District Officers	260.00	266.01	(-) 6.01
Supt's Salary	193.00	192.50	.50

Per Capita Tax	210.00	208.00	2.00
Salaries of Admin. Personnel	218.00	212.45	5.55
Supplies and Expenses	390.00	308.29	81.71
Teachers' Salaries	10,450.00	10,136.30	313.70
Books and other Instructional Aids	200.00	70.11	129.89
Scholars' Supplies	400.00	330.50	69.50
Supplies and other Expenses	75.00	114.17	(-) 39.17
Janitor Service	610.00	643.27	(-) 33.27
Fuel	400.00	435.25	(-) 35.25
Water, lights, supplies and expenses	270.00	354.78	(-) 84.78
Repairs and replacements	500.00	325.26	174.74
Health	330.00	335.53	(-) 5.53
Transportation	4,860.00	4,820.00	40.00
Tuition	14,000.00	13,235.96	764.04
Special Activities and Special Funds	50.00	18.63	31.37
Retirement	800.00	729.63	70.37
Insurance, Tr. Bonds and expenses	35.00	32.16	2.84
New Equipment	50.00	1,064.99	(-) 1,014.99
Totals:	34,301.00	33,833.79	467.21

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Columbia, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HAZEL L. GOODRUM
ARTHUR M. GOULD
Auditors

June 30, 1959

DETAILED EXPENDITURES
1958-59

Salaries of District Officers:

Hazel Goodrum, auditor 5.00

Arthur Gould, auditor	5.00
Treasurer, State of N. H. - OASI	6.01
Thelma G. Covell, School Board Salary	60.00
Milton E. Adair, School Board Salary	60.00
Edwin C. Frizzell, School Board Salary	60.00
Annie S. Frizzell, Treasurer and Clerk	65.00
Harry Lang, Moderator	5.00
	266.01

Supt's Salary:

State Treasurer 192.50

In accordance with the laws of 1953, Chapter 243, Section 5, a breakdown of the total amount paid to the Superintendent by the State and respective school districts follows:

	Salary	Travel	Total
State of N. H.	4,500.00		4,500.00
Colebrook	1,402.50	586.50	1,989.00
Columbia	192.50	80.50	273.00
Clarksville	110.00	46.00	156.00
Pittsburg	687.50	287.50	975.00
Stewartstown	357.50	149.50	507.00
Totals:	7,250.00	1,150.00	8,400.00

Per Capita Tax:

State Treasurer 208.00

Salaries of other Admin. Personnel:

Milton E. Adair, Census	20.00
Thelma G. Covell, Census	20.00
Marion E. Wells, Office Clerk	122.00
Irene M. Holt, Office Secretary	42.00
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service, Blue Cross	4.00
Treasurer, State of N. H.	4.45
	212.45

Supplies and Expenses:

Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies	3.96
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co., phone	64.37
Remington Rand, file folders	2.97
State Treasurer, Supt's travel	80.50
N. H. School Boards Asso., dues	10.00

Stewart Rainville, school board banquet	6.00
National Foremen's Institute, New Social Security	.97
Colebrook Red & White, supplies - School Board Banquet	10.78
Town Treasurer, School Reports 1957-58	98.00
Myrtle Parker, Building fire - Town Hall	6.00
Pittsburg School District - phone - nurse	7.72
Ernest B. Dana, office expenses	10.71
Colebrook School District, office expenses	6.31
	308.29

Teachers' Salaries:

Florence B. Hughes	2,533.07
Myra A. Holbrook	2,463.37
Mary E. White	2,449.27
Robert S. Wright	356.57
Colebrook National Bank, withholding tax	1,375.20
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service, Blue Cross	120.90
Treasurer, State of N. H. - OASI	279.68
Teachers Retirement System - retirement	438.24
Mary Keazer, substitute	12.00
Mary Pease, substitute	60.00
Harriet O. Plante, substitute	24.00
Claire Owen, substitute	24.00
	10,136.30

Books and other Instructional Aids:

Follett Publishing Co., books	16.87
J. B. Lippincott Co., books	3.12
Allyn and Bacon, manual	.99
Charles Scribner's Sons, Handwriting blanks	4.02
Wilcox and Follett, books	20.11
Scott, Foresman and Co., books	25.00
	70.11

Scholars' Supplies:

The Art Centre, paints	8.00
The Macmillan Co., workbooks	10.34
University of N. H., films and testing	6.00
Follett Publishing Co., workbooks	6.70
J. B. Lippincott, workbooks	3.04
American Book Co., workbooks	10.02

Houghton Mifflin Co., workbooks	3.41
Allyn and Bacon, workbooks	13.08
Beckley-Cardy Co., workbooks	23.57
Scott, Foresman and Co., workbooks	29.28
Gledhill Bros., paste	1.80
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies	6.66
The Ruwe Pencil Co., pencils	22.46
Phillips Paper Co., duplicating supplies	16.05
Milton Bradley Co., supplies	29.30
Junior Scholastic, subscription	6.60
Tri-State Office Equipment Co., ditto gelatin film	11.03
World Book Co., tests	13.46
Scholastic Magazines - 1957-58 bill	9.70
Mainco Trading Co., paper, etc.	100.00
	330.50

Supplies and other expenses:

Row, Peterson and Co., ref. books	12.62
Field Enterprises, books	2.00
J. L. Hammett Co., plan books	7.25
Webster Publishing Co., class books	5.57
The Macmillan Co., readers	3.74
Myra Holbrook, books	3.04
Junior Scholastic, teacher's edition	2.00
Lyons and Carnahan, books	1.25
N. Y. World Telegram - almanacs	3.90
The L. W. Singer Co., Walt Disney books	9.00
American Education Publications, magazines	34.70
Stewart A. Frizzell, tuning piano	21.00
Doubleday and Co., books	2.47
Holiday House, books	5.63
	114.17

Janitor Service:

Thelma G. Covell, janitor	370.00
Milton Adair, janitor	185.00
Treasurer, State of N. H., OASI	13.27
Marguerite Reynolds, cleaning	20.00
Thelma Covell, cleaning	50.00
Milton Adair, bulldozing snow	5.00
	643.27

Fuel:

Clayton Adair, piling wood	32.00
Milton Adair, wood	173.25
Lynn Parkhurst, wood	30.00
Walter Collins, wood	200.00
	435.25

Water, lights, supplies and expenses:

Public Service Co., lights	54.68
Procter and Gamble Dist. Co., soap	34.48
The Peck Co., towels	73.44
Milton Bradley, drinking cups	7.66
N. H. Electric Corp., lights	131.01
American Chemical Co., sweeping compound	5.49
P.. A. Hicks and Sons, pail	1.98
Treasurer, State of N. H. - insect bombs	.70
Frank T. Cody Co., lamps	8.60
E. F. Royal Co., cleaning supplies	1.74
Edwin Frizzell, repairs - water pipes	10.00
Thelma Covell, trans. water	25.00
	354.78

Repairs and Replacements:

Bryant's, keys	1.40
Chester Martin, labor	318.81
Ben's Foto Shop - projector repaired	2.55
Hughes Radio Shop - needle	1.50
Robert Wilson - glazing windows	1.00
	325.26

Health:

Ethel Sturgis, nurse and cards	283.67
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service, Blue Cross	3.42
Treas. State of N. H. OASI	8.52
Dickson's Pharmacy, medical supplies	8.28
Teachers Retirement System	13.70
Thelma Covell, trans. physical clinic	5.00
Dr. Marjorie Parsons, physical clinic	11.00
E. G. Staats Co., health ribbons	.94
Dr. Randall Brooks, pre-school clinic	1.00
	335.53

Transportation:		
Kilburn Covell		2,506.00
Verne Reynolds		2,314.00
		4,820.00
Tuition:		
Crotched Mt. Rehabilitation Center, Pauline Sweatt		221.44
	High	
Colebrook School District	5,143.06	6,504.46
Stratford School District	1,367.00	
	6,510.06	6,725.90
Special Activities and Special Funds:		
Clark-Harris, balls		4.30
N. Y. Athletic Supply Co. balls		14.33
		18.63
Retirement and OASI:		
Treasurer, State of N. H. OASI		200.43
N. H. Dept. of Public Welfare - OASI Fund, Admin. Costs		2.83
Teachers Retirement System		526.37
		729.63
Insurance, Tr. Bonds and Expenses:		
Elsie M. Annis, Treas. Bond		10.00
Edwin C. Frizzell, Insurance		22.16
		32.16
New Equipment:		
Hill's Dept. Stores, curtain rollers		5.18
Gross Equipment Co., office file		6.41
J. L. Hammett Co., stone water cooler		10.13
The Procter and Gamble Dist. Co., soap dispensers		5.27
Paris Mfg. Co., desks		660.00
The Jarmack Co., chairs		378.00
		1,064.99

BUDGET 1960-61

(Compared with the Budget of 1959-60 and Expenditures of 1958-59)

	Amount Spent 1958-59	Budget for 1959-60	Proposed Budget 1960-61
*Salaries of District Officers	266.01	300.00	300.00
*Supt's Salary	192.50	231.00	231.00
*Per Capita Tax	208.00	208.00	226.00
Salaries of Admin. Personnel	212.45	239.00	260.00
Supplies and Expenses	308.29	390.00	400.00
Teachers' Salaries	10,136.30	11,050.00	11,650.00
Books and other Aids	70.11	200.00	200.00
Scholars' Supplies	330.50	400.00	400.00
Supplies and other Expenses	114.17	75.00	75.00
Janitor Service	643.27	610.00	725.00
Fuel	435.25	400.00	400.00
Water, lights, supplies and other expenses	354.78	290.00	310.00
Repairs and Replacements	325.26	500.00	500.00
Health	335.53	350.00	350.00
Transportation	4,820.00	4,860.00	5,400.00
Tuition - High	6,510.06	9,000.00	10,330.00
Tuition - Elem.	6,725.90	6,700.00	5,270.00
Special Activities and Special Funds	18.63	50.00	50.00
*Retirement and OASI	729.63	920.00	1,040.00
Insurance, Tr. Bonds and Expenses	32.16	61.00	100.00
New Equipment	1,064.99	50.00	100.00
Total:	33,833.79	36,884.00	38,317.00

*The starred items are required by law to be raised as determined by the proper authorities. The salaries of the district officers are determined by the district. A relationship which takes into consideration school membership and assessed valuation, determines the proportionate share of the salaries paid by each district for personnel employed by the supervisory union.

The State Treasurer reports the amount of the Per Capita Tax. The Retirement Board assesses the amount of Teachers' Retirement.

ESTIMATED INCOME 1960-61

State Aid	10,000.00
Balance	1,000.00
Total Income:	11,000.00
School Board's Budget	38,317.00
Requested Appropriation	27,317.00

REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE 1958-59

Teachers	Grade	No. Pupils	No. Boys	Average Attend.	Av. Membership	Percent of Attend.	No. Tardinesses Per Pupil
Florence B. Hughes, Church School							
	1-4	22	11	20.80	22.00	94.54	None
Myra A. Holbrook, Grand Division School							
	5-8	12	5	11.48	12.00	95.67	None
Mary E. White, Cone School							
	1-4	24	9	22.42	23.75	94.41	.17
Totals:		58	25	54.70	57.75	94.87	.05

TEACHERS' CONTRACTED SALARIES 1959-60

Florence B. Hughes	$ 3,400.00
Myra A. Holbrook	3,400.00
Isabella D. Spofford	3,400.00
Robert S. Wright	421.00

NURSE AND SALARY

Ethel S. Sturgis	315.00

JANITORS AND SALARIES

	Per Week
Thelma G. Covell, Church, Grand Division	$12.00
Milton E. Adair, Cone School	6.00

TRANSPORTATION

	Rate Per Day	No. Carried	Miles Per Day
Kilburn Covell	$ 14.00	29	45
Verne Reynolds	13.00	61	62

ENROLLMENT

Church, Grades 1-4, 17; Grand Division, Grades 5-8, 17; Cone, Grades 1-4, 25; Total 59.

TUITION PUPILS AND RATES

Colebrook Academy	15	$ 350.00
Colebrook Elementary	29	200.00
Stratford High	5	225.00
Crotched Mt. Rehabilitation Center	1	per day 1.28

Births Registered in the Town of Columbia, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1959

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Place of Birth
July 19, 1959	Stacey Jo Bennet	Adrian Bennett	Irma Leona Rowan	West Stewartstown
Sept. 6, 1959	Tammy Gail Cross	Robert Wm. Cross	Grace Leafy Phillips	West Stewartstown
Sept. 1, 1959	Leona May Gadwah	Leon C. Gadwah	Marilyn A. Haynes	West Stewartstown
Feb. 24, 1959	Janet Marie Gould	Elwin H. Gould	Betsey Jane Munn	West Stewartstown
	Paula Lee Harwood	Leland Harwood	Theo Viola C. Parker	West Stewartstown
July 28, 1959	Laurice Dorothy Parkhurst	Erwin L. Parkhurst	Gloria F. Hikel	West Stewaartstown
Jan. 13, 1959	Leta Ann Rainville	Wilbur A. Rainville	Roberta Spitzner	West Stewartstown
April 7, 1959	William Clark Wallace	Lew Anson Wallace	Ruby Janice Gray	West Stewartstown
April 7, 1959	Larry Alan White	Charles J. White	Arlene Mary Gould	West Stewartstown
Dec. 2, 1959	Debra Kay Stanton	Everett A. Stanton	Marion L. Adair	West Stewartstown

Marriages Registered in the Town of Columbia, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1959

Date Marriage	Place	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Nov. 17, 1959	North Stratford	Ira Walter Bumford	57	Frank Bumford	Pheobe Fletcher
		Annie Mae Parker	52	George Ricker	Annie Hardy
Nov. 28, 1959	Groveton	Paul Everett Barrows	25	Clifford John Barrows	Ethel Eva Barns
		Theo Viola Charlotte Parker	19	Earl Washington Parker	Annie Mae Ricker

Deaths Registered in the Town of Columbia, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1959

Date of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Yrs. Mo. Days	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
April 2, 1959	Harry Joseph Boucher	69	John Boucher	Mollie Hicks
Nov. 19, 1959	Wilbur Lewis Reynolds	39	William Reynolds	Eva Libby
April 15, 1959	Eva May Perry Bumford	69	Levi C. Perry	Clara Hutchinson